

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-0456
George Becker Tavern
16323 Hanover Road
Upperco, Baltimore County
Ca. 1830
Private

Located along the early 19th century Hanover Turnpike, the George Becker Tavern was constructed circa 1830. The log building was later enlarged in the mid- to late 19th century for use as a dwelling. The building no longer exposes its original form or materials on the exterior. Its strategic placement between Fowblesburg and Hanover made the tavern an important building along the Hanover Turnpike. The 1850 county atlas reveals that Fowblesburg, while still a thriving residential community, had not yet been provided a name. The nearby town of Upperco, similarly named for one of the area's predominant families, was the location of a general store and Methodist Episcopal Church. A tollgate was located between the two communities on Hanover Turnpike, a branch of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike. Between 1877 and 1915, the Western Maryland Railroad was developed through the towns of Fowblesburg and Upperco, resulting in a greater economic vitality throughout the area.

Originally constructed as a log dwelling, the George Becker Tavern is now a two-and-a-half-story brick building on a random rubble stone foundation that fronts west at 16323 Hanover Road. The five-bay-wide, two-bay deep building has a side gable roof clad in standing-seam metal and a one-story, three-bay wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by turned wood posts with scroll-sawn brackets. The alteration of the building from its original log materials to its current appearance occurred circa 1860. The central entry features a sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with a one-light transom. Nine windows pierce the façade with vinyl panning and vinyl-clad surrounds and sills. Those of the first story have segmentally-arched soldier lintels, while the windows of the second story have segmentally-arched rowlock lintels. The circa 1990 wood frame shed is located to the southeast of the dwelling.

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic George Becker Tavern

other Alice Deal House

2. Location

street and number 16323 Hanover Road not for publication

city, town Upperco - vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Mary Frances and Adolph G. Shurman
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street and number	16323 Hanover Road	telephone	Not Available
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city, town	Upperco	state	MD	zip code	21155-9373
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthouse	liber	12519	folio	198
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city, town	Towson	tax map	25	tax parcel	221	tax ID number	1600000840
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___district	___public	___agriculture	___landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> X </u> building(s)	<u> X </u> private	___commerce/trade	___recreation/culture	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> buildings
___structure	___both	___defense	___religion	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
___site		<u> X </u> domestic	___social	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
___object		___education	___transportation	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		___funerary	___work in progress	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> Total
		___government	___unknown		
		___health care	___vacant/not in use		
		___industry	___other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Originally constructed as a log dwelling, the circa 1830 George Becker Tavern is now a two-and-a-half-story stretcher bond brick masonry building on a random rubble stone foundation that fronts west at 16323 Hanover Road. The five-bay-wide, two-bay deep building has a side gable roof clad in standing-seam metal and a one-story, three-bay wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by turned wood posts with scroll-sawn brackets. The alteration of the building from it's original log materials to its current appearance occurred circa 1860. The central entry features a sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with a one-light transom. Nine 1/1 double-hung vinyl windows pierce the façade. All windows feature vinyl panning and vinyl-clad surrounds and sills. Those of the first story have segmentally-arched soldier lintels, while the windows of the second story have segmentally-arched rowlock lintels.

The circa 1990 wood frame shed, located to the southeast of the dwelling, is clad in sheet metal and features a flat roof clad in sheet metal. The building, which sits on a poured concrete slab foundation, is pierced by one paneled double-leaf metal door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1830 ca., 1870 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1830 ca., 1870 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Located along the early 19th century Hanover Turnpike, the George Becker Tavern was a log building enlarged in the mid- to late 19th century for use as a dwelling. The building no longer exposes its original form or materials on the exterior. Its strategic placement between Fowblesburg and Hanover made the tavern an important building along the Hanover Turnpike. Although the 1850 county atlas indicates that Fowblesburg, while still a thriving residential community, had not yet been provided a name. By 1877, the small community, named for the Fowble family, included a school house and tavern. The nearby town of Upperco, similarly named for one of the area's predominant families, was the location of a general store and Methodist Episcopal Church. A toll gate was located between the two communities on Hanover Turnpike, a branch of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike, which replaced the Old Hanover Road as the primary route from Baltimore to Hanover in Carroll County. Between 1877 and 1915, the Western Maryland Railroad was developed through the towns of Fowblesburg and Upperco, resulting in a greater economic vitality throughout the area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.

Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

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Scharf, Thomas J. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*. Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.

Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys*. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .4 acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1830, the George Becker Taven has been associated with the .4 acres known as parcel 221 of map 25, located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's Office.

11. Form Prepared by

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16323 HANOVER PIKE
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: HAMPSTEAD
Scale: 1:24,000



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GATE KEEPER'S HOUSE
15405 HANOVER PIKE
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1167
FOWLESBURG INN
15401 HANOVER PIKE
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

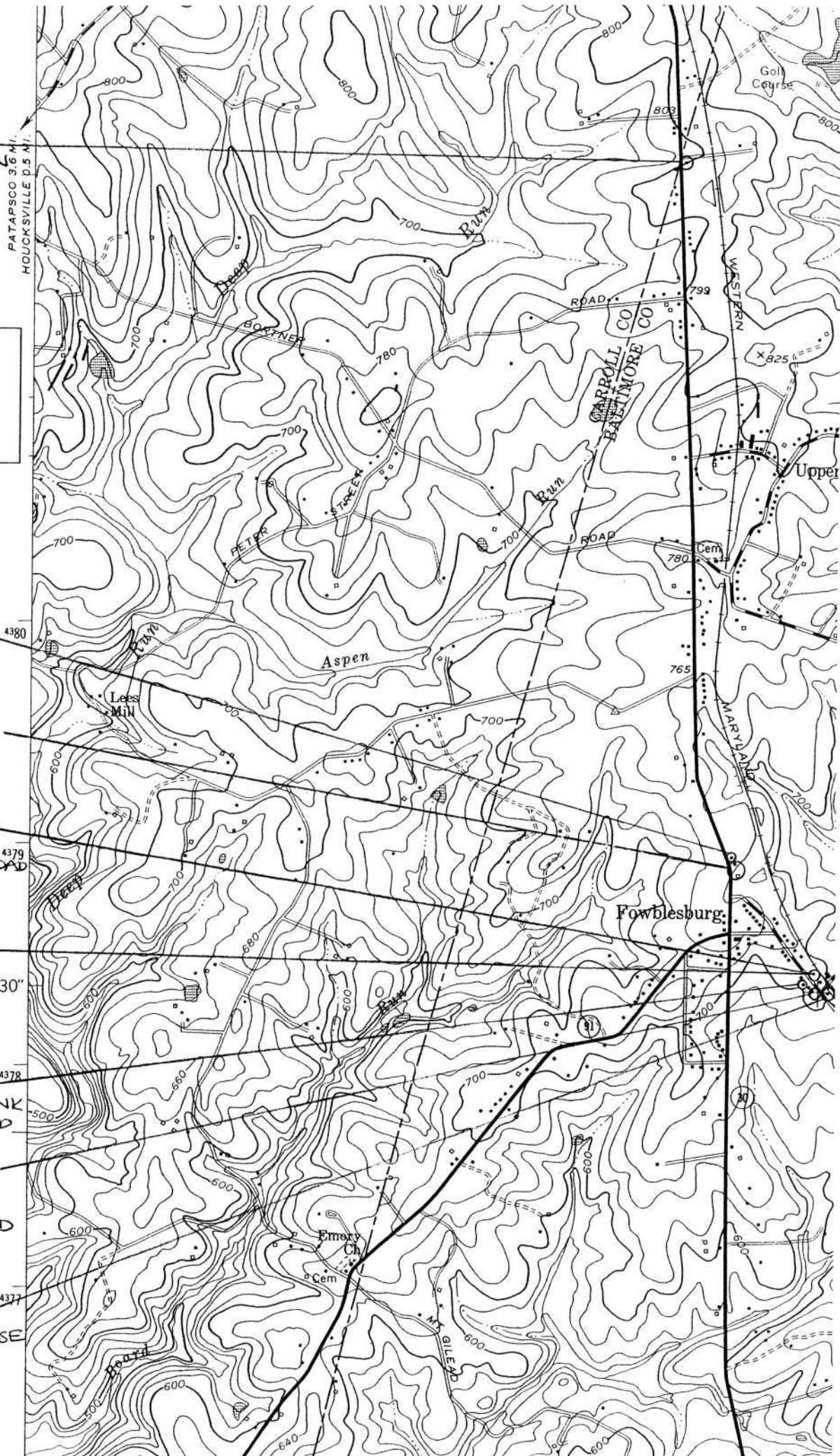
BA-1169
DAVIS STORE
15209 OLD HANOVER ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1170
DAVIS FEED MILL
15209 OLD HANOVER RD 32'30"
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1174
FARMER'S + MERCHANTS BANK
15204 OLD HANOVER ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1173
THE PARSONAGE
15200 OLD HANOVER ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1172
ANNIE HOUCK BYERLY HOUSE
5239 BYERLY ROAD
UPPERCO
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Dwelling, northeast corner, view looking southwest

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George Becker Tavern

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Dwelling, Northwest corner, view looking Southeast

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Dwelling, West elevation, view looking East

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ALICE DEAL HOUSE - Before 1850 - 16323 Hanover Pike, (East side of Hanover Road at southeast corner of road leading to Site BA 455). Apparently the George Belt tavern of the 1850 map, the George Becker tavern of 1857 Taylor map, and the J. Belt house of 1877 atlas. Brick-covered log house, 2-½ stories, 5 bays wide; gable roof of ribbed tin; large windows in facade, end-windows in attic; pre-Victorian vernacular style. Last house before crossing into Carroll County. Excellent condition. Previously owned by Alice Deal. Owner: Joseph N. Elmo.

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Alice Deal House

Hampstead Quad 1953, PR 1974

